
Introduced by Senator De León

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Senate Resolution No. 35—Relative to Mayan Culture Day.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California celebrates the impact of
2 Mayan culture within the state and throughout the world, and
3 recognizes the rights of the Maya community as a distinct and
4 valuable indigenous people, as recommended in the United Nations
5 resolution 49/214; and
6 WHEREAS, Casa de la Cultura Maya has a strong history of
7 passing on the rich legacy of Maya traditions and customs to future
8 generations, expanding the public's understanding of the superb
9 and advanced knowledge of the Maya in science and mathematics,
10 and showing the exquisite level of artistic talent in the ancient and
11 living Mayan culture; and
12 WHEREAS, Maya communities have survived for thousands
13 of years and preserved for future generations the Maya's ancestral
14 traditions, respect for the Earth, and deep appreciation for science,
15 art, architecture, and human spirituality and cultural expression,
16 including the Maya understanding of the origin and destiny of
17 humanity; and
18 WHEREAS, The Maya community within the State of California
19 thrives and strengthens the state by contributing to its economy
20 and cultural depth; and
21 WHEREAS, Mayan Culture Day is celebrated on the day of the
22 Mayan Calendar Aqaba'1, which means the aurora and the dawn;
23 it is the right hand; it is the light from the darkness; it is the three
24 passages of time: past, present, and future. It is the day of clarity;
25 it is the day of the fire; the heat that allows us to get, to view, to

1 achieve, and to follow. It is the day to love life; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate*
4 recognizes August 12, 2012, as Mayan Culture Day; and be it
5 further

6 *Resolved, That the Senate reaffirms its commitment to preserve,*
7 defend, and promote the traditions and ancestral legacy of the
8 Maya; and be it further

9 *Resolved, That the Senate urges the people of California to*
10 observe Mayan Culture Day with appropriate programs, activities,
11 and ceremonies; and be it further

12 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of*
13 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.